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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Thomas M. BRENNAN

Application Serial No.: 09/715,426

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR CONDUCTING AN ARRAY  
OF CHEMICAL REACTIONS  
ON A SUPPORT SURFACE**

Group Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: Fredman, J. D.

Attorney's Docket No.  
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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed on **July 23, 2003**, and is submitted on or before the due date of **January 23, 2004**. Applicants hereby submit the following Response. A constructive petition for a three-month extension of time under 1.136(a)(3) and its requisite fee are enclosed herewith. It is believed that no additional fees are required. However, if any fees are required in order to maintain the pendency of the instant Application, the Examiner is expressly authorized to charge such to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing 05871.0002.CNUS05.

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